

Theological Discussions can be a Big Waste of Time

We need to be discerning of what discussions and arguments we get into. Frank Viola notes concerning FaceBook for instance¹:

“For the last seven years in observing these groups, I’ve lost count of the knock-down, drag-out, WWE²-styled smackdowns over biblical topics I’ve seen.

The people go back and forth, some ending up being so infuriated that they end up blocking their debating opponents.

In addition, some of the befuddled contentious souls are routinely banned from these groups.

(Oh, these are all “Christians” groups mind you, Ahem...)

Not once during these blood-lettings have I ever seen anyone change their minds.

Lots of wasted time and energy is burned up in these threads. And for that reason, people leave them constantly.”³

From his observation, a person is wasting their time using social media to change people’s minds.

“The vast majority of people already have their minds made up on a given issue and viewpoint. Facebook is merely a place they use to reinforce that viewpoint and anything challenging them is viciously attacked.”⁴

When using social media refrain from getting into arguments and discern at all times when a line of discussion should terminate.

“Facebook isn’t the place to change people’s minds...But in terms of real impact and changing people’s minds, there are far more effective ways of doing both.”⁵

Always keep in mind Jesus’ words: “Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.” (Matthew 7:6 NKJV)

Read the full article.

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1 – Frank Viola “Stop Wasting Time Doing This” blog item 25-6-2015 (frankviola.org/2015/06/25/facebookgroups)

2 – WWE = World Wrestling Entertainment

3 – frankviola.org/2015/06/25/facebookgroups

4 – frankviola.org/2015/06/25/facebookgroups

5 – frankviola.org/2015/06/25/facebookgroups